# 2025 UNISOKU NEVSEETER

Front: Beppu Onsen - Oita (Umi Jigoku), Back : Kujyu Flower Garden Park、表:大分県・別府温泉(海地獄)、裏:くじゅう花公園(阿蘇くじゅう国立公園)



#### 創業の原点

ユニソクは 50 年前、創業者である初代社長・長村 俊彦の「研究者一人ひとりのニーズに寄り添った 計測器を提供する」というビジョンのもと、自動 旋光計測器や光散乱計の製造販売を開始しました。 当初の事業から次々に挑戦を重ね、過渡吸収分光 装置の開発、さらには創業から10年を迎えた頃 にお客様からのご相談を契機に、当時新しい技術 であった STM( 走査トンネル顕微鏡 ) の製造に取り

組みました。 これらの製品は 今ではユニソクの 主力製品として 多くの研究者の 方々にご愛用いた だいております。



#### 成長の軌跡

創業から現在に至るまで、私たちは常に「研究者 のニーズに寄り添った計測器」を作り続け、その ためのカスタマイズを重要視してまいりました。 この間には多くの試行錯誤がありましたが、常に 温かいご支援をいただきながら何度も挑戦を 繰り返し、その度に成長を遂げることができました。 心から感謝申し上げます。



大気中 STM、USM-101 (1986)

コックレス自動ミキサー (1999)

#### 新たなスタートとシナジー

2010年、ユニソクは東京インスツルメンツから 駿河正次氏を社長として迎え、TII グループの一員 となりました。この新たなスタートを切ったこと で TII グループとのシナジーが生まれ、例えば TERS 装置など共同開発による新たな製品も誕生し ました。また、品質向上を目指して工場の新設を 行い、製品開発のスピードを加速させて新たな ステージへと進化を遂げました。



2025 is the year of the Snake in the Japanese zodiac.

#### The Origin of Our Foundation

Fifty years ago, UNISOKU was founded under the vision of our first president, Toshihiko Nagamura, to provide measurement instruments tailored to the needs of individual researchers. Starting with the manufacturing and sales of Automatic Polarimeters and Light Scattering Photometers, we continually took on new challenges. Among these efforts were the development of Transient Absorption Spectroscopy systems and, around our 10th anniversary, a pivotal moment when a customer's inquiry inspired us to begin manufacturing STM (Scanning Tunneling Microscopy) systems, a groundbreaking technology at the time. Today, these products have become core offerings of UNISOKU, trusted and widely used by researchers around the world.

#### **Our Journey of Growth**

Since our founding, we have remained steadfast in our commitment to creating measurement instruments that meet the needs of researchers, placing great importance on customization. During this period, we have faced numerous challenges and engaged in countless trials and errors. Thanks to your unwavering support, we have embraced these challenges as opportunities to grow, repeatedly striving to improve and evolve. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all of you.

#### A New Beginning and Synergy

In 2010, UNISOKU embarked on a new chapter by welcoming Shoji Suruga from Tokyo Instruments as president and becoming part of the TII Group. This fresh start fostered synergy with the TII Group, leading to the joint development of innovative products such as TERS systems. Additionally, with the aim of enhancing quality, we established a new factory, accelerating the pace of product development and propelling us to a new stage of growth and evolution.

#### 多彩なラインアップ

現在、過渡吸収装置では、計測手法の異なる3つの モデルをラインアップし、低温 STM 装置において は、商用 UHV 装置として世界最低温度の 40 mK モデルからヘリウムフリー装置まで計6種のモデル を提供できるようになりました。また、こうした ラインアップ製品とは別に、特殊な計測器の試作 や計測環境の提供などをご相談いただき、提供して おります。

#### お客様との共創

私たちの製品やサービスは、お客様の声に真摯に 耳を傾け共に歩みながら進化してきました。 いただいたフィードバックは私たちにとっての原動力 となり、そのおかげでこれまで数多くの成果を 上げることができました。今後も挑戦を恐れず 革新を追求しながら、皆様の期待を超える成果 を提供し続けていく所存です。お客様の信頼に 応えることに誇りを持ち、共に成長していけること を心から楽しみにしています。

また、これまでの成長を支えてくれた取引先や従業員 の皆様にも深く感謝の意を表します。彼らの努力と 情熱が、今のユニソクを形作り、私たちの基盤と なっています。彼らが築いた礎の上に新たな価値 を創造し、さらに発展させていくことをお約束 いたします。



TII との共同開発 SPM USM-1400TERS (2016) ユニソクのベストヤラー 新技術 RIPT 法を用いた CoolSpeK (2004) picoTAS (2017)

#### 未来に向けて

私たちは変化を恐れず、絶え間ない挑戦を続けて いきます。

最後になりますが、これまでのご愛顧に心から 感謝申し上げ、今後とも変わらぬご支援を賜り ますようお願い申し上げます。次の 50 年も、皆様 と共に歩んでいけることを心より願っております。



#### **Diverse Product Lineup**

Today, our lineup of Transient Absorption Spectroscopy systems includes three models, each offering distinct measurement methods. In the realm of low-temperature STM systems, we provide six models, ranging from the world's lowest-temperature commercial UHV system at 40 mK to liquid-helium-free systems. In addition to these standard product lines, we also offer bespoke solutions, including prototyping specialized measurement instruments and creating tailored measurement environments based on customer requests.

#### **Co-creation with Our Customers**

Our products and services have evolved through listening attentively to the voices of our customers and working together with them. The feedback we've received has been the driving force behind our progress, allowing us to achieve numerous successes. As we move forward, we will continue to embrace challenges, pursue innovation, and strive to exceed your expectations. We take great pride in meeting the trust you have placed in us, and we look forward to growing together with you.

I would also like to express my deep gratitude to our business partners and employees who have supported our growth. Their dedication and passion have shaped UNISOKU into what it is today and formed the foundation of our success. Building on the strong foundation they have laid, we are committed to creating new value and continuing to evolve.



#### **Looking Toward the Future**

As we look to the future, we will continue to embrace change and relentlessly pursue new challenges. In closing, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your continued support and trust. We ask for your ongoing patronage as we move forward, and we truly hope to walk alongside you for the next 50 years.

Yutaka Miyatake



# **UHV-High Magnetic Field** <sup>3</sup>He-Refrigerator Based **STM System** 超高真空·強磁場<sup>3</sup>He冷凍機STM **USM1300**

Shipped the first system in 2002 (to Prof. Kobayashi's lab at Tohoku Univ. and Prof. Kitazawa's lab at the Univ. of Tokyo). 2002年1号機出荷(東北大小林研と東大北澤研)

To date, 146 systems have been shipped, making it a

best-selling STM system. これまで146台出荷のベストセラーSTMシステム

#### Key factors that led to improvements in performance 性能改善の主な要素 ▶▶▶

#### **Electrical Wiring Terminal** 中継端子

A terminal that would not leak even after repeated low-temperature cooling was required. However, frequent leaks occurred initially. After much trial and error, improvements were successfully made in 2008.

繰り返し低温冷却してもリークしない 電流導入端子が必要。 しかし当初は頻繁にリークが発生した。 試行錯誤の末、2008年に改善に成功。

> Current electrical wiring terminal 現在の中継端子





#### **Radiation Shutter** 輻射シャッター

Prof. Yukio Hasegawa (Univ. of Tokyo) pointed out that a single shutter was insufficient to cool the sample. Test experiments were conducted using Prof. Fujita's system at NIMS, leading to the adoption of two shutters in June 2004. Currently, three shutters are being used.

東京大学長谷川幸雄先生からシャッター1箇所ではサンプルが 冷えていないとご指摘いただき、NIMS藤田先生の装置で検証 実験を行って2004年6月から2箇所に採用。 現在は3箇所に使用し、電子温度~425 mKを達成。



#### Superconducting gap of Pb



## Picosecond **Transient Absorption Spectroscopy System** ピコ秒過渡吸収分光システム

# picoTAS

The development history of our RIPT method, which enables measurement across a broad time range from 100 ps to ms, including the 'gap time' of conventional methods (1 ns to several tens of ns).

従来法の 'すきま時間'(1ナノ秒から数10ナノ秒)を含む 100ピコ秒~ミリ秒の広い時間域を測定可能とした独自技術 (RIPT法)の開発ヒストリー

#### Achieved 100 times better temporal resolution Fig.1 (Early Data)



Fig.2 Fig.3 of fluorescence contamination(Early Data) 蛍光混入問題を解決!(最初のデータ)



## **Construction of** the Second Factory 第二工場建設

Completed in July 2016. 2016年7月完成

At a time when annual SPM orders had just barely exceeded 1 billion yen,

and the future was still uncertain, former President Suruga decided to proceed with the construction, investing 100 million yen (at the time). This greatly improved production capacity and enabled thorough in-house testing before shipment.

SPM受注が年間10億円をようやく超えたばかりでまだ先行きが不安な中 1億円(当時)の建築費を掛けて駿河前社長が建築を決意 生産能力が格段に向上し、出荷前の十分な社内テストを可能にした

Мау	2011:	Conceived	the	principle	原理を考案
Mav	2013:	Conducted	pro	of-of-conc	ept experime

ts using borrowed equipment, but the issue of fluorescence contamination made us stuck once 機器を借りて原理実証実験を行うが問題発覚(蛍光混入)

- Aug. 2013: In-house development application rejected 社内開発申請却下
- Feb. 2014: In-house patent application request denied 社内特許申請願い却下
- *May 2014:* Broke through the issue of fluorescence contamination and filed a patent application 蛍光混入問題を解決して特許出願(Figs. 1, 2)
- Nov. 2014: Selected for the JST Advanced Measurement Program JST先端計測プログラム採択
- **Feb. 2015:** Sold the first prototype system, RIsPekT プロトタイプ機RIsPekT 1号機販売 (**Fig. 3**)
- *Mar.* 2016: Published a paper featuring the world's first data and highlighted in Science and Nature Photonics 世界初のデータとともに論文が掲載され、 ScienceとNature Photonics がハイライト (Nakagawa et al., Opt. Lett. 41, 1498 (2016).)
- Sep. 2017: Launched sales of picoTAS picoTAS完成、販売開始(Fig. 4)
- Mar. 2019: Invention Merit Award (the 44th Invention Award) 第44回 (2018年度)日本発明大賞 発明功労賞を受賞
- Apr. 2021: Distinguished Achievement Award (the 33rd Small and Medium Enterprise Excellence Award for New Products and New Technology)









#### **Factors Behind Its Long-Lasting Success** ロングセラーの要因

- 1. Lightweight and compact design, easy operation, and a wide range of options 軽くて小さい、操作が簡単、豊富なオプション
- 2. Compatible with ~60 models of spectrometers from 12 manufacturers

12メーカー約60種類の分光計に対応

3. Recommendations among researchers 研究者間の口コミ - Prof. Shinobu Itoh, Osaka Univ. (chemist in the field of coordination chemistry., formerly, Osaka City Univ.) devised a new method for measuring reaction rates at low temp. by adopting CoolSpeK.

大阪大学の伊東忍先生(錯体化学、当時大阪市立大学)がCoolSpeKを 利用して低温で反応速度を測定する新手法を考案

#### **A Trigger for Overseas Expansion** 海外進出のきっかけ

In October 2001, with the cooperation of Prof. Itoh, the 1st unit was delivered to Prof. Lawrence Que, Jr. at the Univ. of Minnesota.

2001年10月、伊東先生のご協力のもと、ミネソタ大学のLawrence Que, Jr.研究室へ納品

Many researchers trained in that lab. later adopted CoolSpeK, that led to its worldwide use. 同研究室で研鑽を積んだ多数の研究者が、その後CoolSpeKを導入 これによりCoolSpeKが世界中で使用されるようになった



## **Cryostat for** Spectrophotometer 分光用クライオスタット

# **CoolSpeK**

A long-selling product launched in the late 1990s. with a total of 615 units sold to date. 1990年代後半に販売開始、累計販売台数615台のロングセラー製品



By Prof. Yoshihisa Inoue. Osaka Univ. (chemist in the field of photochemistry) CoolSpeK with special side windows made it possible to perform low-temp. measurements of circular dichroism spectra in the ultraviolet region, which had previously been challenging.

大阪大学の井上佳久先生(光化学)がそれまで困難だった紫外領域での 円二色性スペクトル低温測定を特殊窓を用いたCoolSpeKにより可能 にした



#### **Challenge to TERS** (Tip-Enhanced Raman Spectroscopy) **TERSへの挑戦**

The development was initiated by a request from Prof. Dong (Univ. of Science and Technology of China), and involved tackling various developments such as a movable lens stage and a lower tank STM. After gaining experience in measuring Raman

signals with TII's Nanofinder, we successfully detected clear TERS signals. 開発のきっかけはDong先生(中国科

学技術大学)からの要望、可動レンズ ステージ、下タンクSTMなど、多くの 要素開発に挑戦

TIIのNanofinderでラマン信号を自分 たちで測るという経験を経て、明確な TERS信号の検出に成功



- 2013-2015: Conducted joint research with Kwansei Gakuin Univ. as part of the JST A-Step program
- 関西学院大学との共同研究でJST A-Stepを実施 2015: Commercialized the 1400 TERS 1400 TFRSを製品化
- 2017: Received the Excellent Award at the 29th "Small and Medium Enterprises Excellent New Technology /New Product Award"

第29回「中小企業優秀新技術·新製品賞」優秀賞受賞

Initial STM-TERS measurement of carbon nanotube TERS map STM



## **Development** of **Liquid Helium-Free SPM** 液体ヘリウムフリーSPM開発

- 2018: Development began in response to recent concerns over helium supply instability and rising prices. 近年のヘリウム供給不安、価格高騰を背景に開発開
- 2022: UNISOKU published its first independent academic paper.

ユニソク初の単独での学術論文出版 J. Kasai et al., Rev. Sci. Instrum. 93,043711(2022).

- 2023: Received the Excellent Award and the Environmental Contribution Special Award at the 35th "Small and Medium Enterprises Excellent New Technology/New Product Award. 第35回「中小企業優秀新技術·新製品賞」優秀賞·環境貢献特別賞 を受賞
- 2024: The first preprint published by a customer 顧客による初のプレプリント発表 Y. Wang et al.,arXiv:2411.10644

## **Construction of** The In-house **Helium Liquefaction System** 社内ヘリウム液化装置建設

- July 2019: The project began in response to recent concerns over helium supply instability and rising prices. 近年のヘリウム供給不安、価格高騰 を背景にプロジェクト開始
- April 2020: The system began operation, enabling enhanced in-house testing and improved efficiency.

稼働開始、これにより社内テストの充実、高効率化を実現

As of the end of December 2024, the total amount of liquefied helium is ~ 29,000 liters. The current liquefaction rate is 50L/day. 2024年12月末時点で累計液化量は約2万9千リットル 現在は50L/dayの液化レート

## **Publication of UNISOKU NewsLetter** ユニソクNewsLetter刊行

When visiting Prof. Vidya Madhavan at the University of Illinois, she expressed concerns about UNISOKU in such a distant location and her desire to stay informed about the company's recent developments.

This led to the launch of the UNISOKU NewsLetter in 2016. Since then, it has become a valuable sales resource, collecting the latest technologies and customer information. Following its publication, orders have seen significant growth.

イリノイ大Vidya Madhavan先生を訪問したとき、先生が遠く離れた地で ユニソクの近況を知りたいとの意見から2016年スタート 今では最新の技術と顧客情報を集めた貴重な営業資料になっており 刊行以降、受注額が飛躍的に増加



The visit to Cryogenic Inc. led to the adoption of PTFE bellows (November 2018). 、 PTFEベローズ採用のきっかけ になったクライオジェニック 社訪問



The first atomic-resolution STM image from the prototype system (April 2019) プロトタイプ機初の原子分解能STM像



Control panel screen of the liquefaction svstem 液化装置の コントロールパネル画面



# 2024 Yearly Events 2024年年間イベント



#### **Products Related Delivery Records** 製品関連/納品実績

Delivered the first USM1800 in Europe (DIPC) ヨーロッパで初めてUSM1800を納入



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Delivered the first CoolLinK CoolLinK 初採用機を納品



Delivered the first STM system in Switzerland (EMPA) スイスで初めてSTMのシステムを納入



Installation at EMPA in July 7月EMPA納品にて



- ・ Published in JSTnews Jan 2024 JSTnews 2024年1月号に掲載
- · Published in NORTH, the newsletter of the Kita-Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry - 北大阪商工会議所会報誌、NORTH掲載















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# **UNISOKU 50th Anniversary** What's new?

# **P**ompany Trip to Kumamoto and Oita



# 熊本・大分社員旅行

In commemoration of our 50th anniversary, we held a company trip to Kumamoto and Oita, which was attended by 52 people including employees and their families.

We will continue to strive to provide better products to all of our customers, and the entire company will work together as one

50周年を記念して熊本・大分への社員旅行を実施し、社員と家族 あわせて52名が参加しました。

今後も皆様により良い製品を提供できるよう努め、全社一丸となって 精進してまいります。

# nisoku original reusable bag

We have produced reusable bag to commemorate our 50th anniversary. We will distribute the bags at conferences and other events, and look forward to seeing you at our booth or our head office.

50周年を記念してエコバッグを製作しました。学会などで配布 いたしますのでブースへのご訪問、ご来社お待ちしております。

#### The story of 50th Anniversary logo 50周年記念口ゴ製作経緯

The design combines the diffraction grating of a spectroscopic product with the scanning probe microscope with "50". 分光製品の回折格子と走査プローブ顕微鏡をシンボル化したものに「50」を融合させたデザインにしました。

50th Anniversary logo

X始めました! Come to visit us on<sup>-</sup>



As UNISOKU enters its 51st year, the employee uniforms have been renewed. The new design is highly functional and suits the modern era. The design and color were decided based on a survey conducted among employees.



ユニソクで働く社員のユニフォームも51年目を迎えるにあたり新しくなりました。大変機能的で今の 時代にあったデザインになっています。社員へのアンケートを行い、デザイン・色が決まりました。



★式会社ユニソク / UNISOKU Co., Ltd. 「みえないものをみる装置で社会に貢献」 ユニソクはユニークな計測器を提供し 1学技術の発展に貢献します



In addition to paper introductions, conference exhibitions, and conference presentation information, you will now be able to view the latest updates on UNISOKU in real-time.

論文紹介や学会展示、学会発表情報に加え、ユニソクの近況を @UNISOKU PR これからはリアルタイムで随時ご覧いただけます。

our account!



弊社では最新製品のデモルームを開設し、来社実験サービスを行っています。興味を持っていただいた 製品について、購入前に実際に性能を確認の上、購入後も満足して使っていただきたいと考えております。 また装置をなかなか購入できないお客様にも測定をしていただき、研究の一助となりたいとも願っております。

Because we aim for after-purchase satisfaction, we provide our customers the opportunity to check the product performance before purchase. Further, we also aim to help customers who are not ready to purchase our systems conduct their research. To these ends, we have set up a room showing the newest instruments, both for demonstration purposes and for in-house experiment service

#### ピコ秒過渡吸収分光 + 蛍光寿命コンバインシステム picoTAS + TCSPC

**Combined System of Picosecond Transient Absorption and** TCSPC Fluorescence Lifetime



※CoolSpeKにつきましてはお客様のラボに伺い、お客様が所有している分光計と組み合わせることによる訪問デモ測定も随時行っております。 (国内限定サービスとなっております) We also offer on-site CoolSpeK demonstration at your facility. CoolSpeK adaptation to your spectrometer for custom demonstration measurements is available (only domestic)

Hydrogen-Sensitive Thermal Desorption Spectroscopy System **HEMTO-TDS** 超高感度熱脱離分析装置

デモ測定受付中 ※こちらはデモ測定のみの対応です。

Now Accepting Demo Measurements

試料導入室を備えたスタンドアロンの3室構成のシステムをデモ測定器として準備しています。 本計測は大気中での水分吸着に敏感な可能性がありますので、試料の導入方法や測定内容については相談して進めさせていただきます。

> [Custom demo measurements] We organize demonstration measurements of your samples using the HEMTO-TDS at our facility. Contact us to discuss the details of the samples you are interested in!





# **Optical Instruments News**

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# **Brand-New Product Introduction** 新製品情報

**Reasonably Priced Circularly Polarized Luminescence Spectrophotometer** リースナブルなCPL分光計



#### Triplet-Mediator Ligand-Protected Metal Nanocluster Sensitizers for Photon Upconversion D. Arima et al. JACS 146, 16630 (2024). Publication Introduction 論文紹介



Recently, triplet-triplet annihilation photon upconversion (TTA-UC), a conversion of red ight (lower-energy) to blue light (higher energy), has attracted a great deal of attention and is being actively investigated as a viable approach to exploit unutilized wavelengths of light in solar-driven devices. Prof. Mitsui's laboratory at Rikkyo University has focused on the use of atomically precise metal nanoclusters (NCs) as a promising platform for providing sensitizers for TTA-UC. In 2024, they achieved a red-to-blue upconversion quantum yield of  $20.7 \pm 0.4\%$  (50% is the theoretical maximum) at a low light intensity comparable to

solar-energy, setting a new record. They developed a triplet-mediator ligand (TL)-protected metal nanocluster. Au<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>6</sub>(S-Adm)<sub>6</sub>[P(DPA)<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>(Au<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>6</sub>DPA), to improve the TTA-UC efficiency. Using picoTAS and thorough analysis of transient absorption data, they confirmed that the excitation of the Au<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>6</sub> core rapidly generates a metal-to-ligand charge transfer state, followed by the formation of long-lived triplet state (approximately 150 µs) at a DPA site in the TL. In a mixed solution of Au<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>6</sub>DPA as a sensitizer and a DPA molecule as an annihilator/emitter, intense blue-light emission under red-light illumination, that is, highly efficient TTA-UC was clearly

observed. Given the extensive repertoire of metal NCs that can be protected by various Sensitizer ligands, this study is considered a pioneering step toward the future progress in the

development of

TTA-UC, especially

from near-infrared

light to visible light.



# picoTAS Updates picoTASの最新情報



# Relicate

#### Added Linkage function to CoolLinK

UNISOKU measurement system completely links to CoolLinK, so you can measure transient absorption spectrum with temperature variation automatically. This function can save your time for measuring.

#### picoTASにCoolSpeKとの連携機能を追加

CoolLinKのU-Link Modeを使い、試料の温度制御と過渡吸収測定の連携を自動で行います。

# CoolSpeK Updates CoolSpeKの最新情報

#### **CoolLinK** Automatic Temperature Variable Software

#### Features 製品特徴

- Easy to design temperature profile with PC
- Monitorable actual temperature in real time
- Linkable with various commercial spectroscopy
- 容易に温度プロファイルのデザインが可能
- 実際の温度をリアルタイムで監視可能
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CoolLinK has four temperature control mode. We will show you one of them in this article.

測定に合わせて4つの制御モードを選択できます。 今回はこの中から "Link Mode" についてご紹介します。

You can make simple temperature profile that has constant temperature variation and time interval. UNISOKU measurement system completely links to Link Mode, so you can measure temperature dependent spectrum automatically

Link Mode can also be used with various commercial spectometers that has a repeat-scan function. (Pseudo-cooperative measurement)

Sequence Modeよりも簡易な設定で、温度を段階的に変更した コントロールが可能。

ユニソク製計測機器との連携の他に、他社分光光度計の繰り返し 測定機能を利用した「擬似連携測定」が可能。 温度プロファイルは保存して再利用可能。

#### CoolSpeK SLIM

#### USP-203C-ST-BP For picoTAS or pump-probe spectroscopies

Cryostat for 2 mm light-path cuvette. It is suitable for picoTAS or pump-probe spectroscopies.

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#### 2-D Scanner Renewed

2-D Scanner for thin-film has been redesigned. Load capacity and stability of movements has been greatly improved.

2-D スキャナーを刷新 薄膜等試料用のXY スキャナーを再設計。 耐荷重と安定性が 大幅に向上。



自動温度可変ソフトウェア

#### **Under Development** -ルスペック新モデル開発中



We are developing a new cryostat that has higher airtightness for vacuum pumping and can be used at lower temperature than the present model.

本体内部を真空引きすることにより現行品の推奨温度 より低い温度で低結露測定を実現できる、高密閉型 モデルを開発中です。

# **New Technology in the USM Series**

USMシリーズにおける新技術紹介

Six-Electrode Sample Holder Functioning as Both Flag-Type and Bayonet-Type "Aquila" フラッグ型とバヨネット型として機能する6電極試料ホルダ "アクイラ"

#### Overview / 概要

In materials science research, flag-type sample holders are commonly used in sample preparation and analysis equipment, and they typically include multiple electrodes for purposes such as electrical conductivity measurements. There was a request to perform STM measurements on these samples. This structure enables the STM measurement of samples prepared and analyzed with a flag-type holder using the UNISOKU USM1300/1600. This holder also functions as a UNISOKU standard 6-electrode sample holder. By introducing the mechanism that allows the interchangeable use of the two sample-holder shapes in ultra-high vacuum, multi-electrode samples made with wire bonding can now be measured using the UNISOKU low-temperature high-field STM. In the future, we expect that the adoption of this mechanism by materials science researchers will promote inter-laboratory collaboration, accelerating the research speed as groups owning UNISOKU STM systems observe novel materials and advance their studies.

 $(\overline{A}) + (\overline{B})$ Bayonet-Type



材料科学研究で使用される試料作製・分析装置では、 フラッグ型試料ホルダが主流となっており、一般的に 電気伝導測定などを目的として複数の電極が備えられ ています。これらの試料をSTM測定したいという要望 がありました。

本技術は、フラッグ型ホルダで作製・分析された試料 を、ユニソクのUSM1300/1600においてSTM測定する ため、ユニソク標準の6電極試料ホルダとしても機能 する構造を実現したものです。ふたつの試料ホルダ形 状を超高真空中で組み換え可能にする機構を導入した 結果、ワイヤーボンドで作製された多電極試料もユニ ソクの極低温強磁場STMで測定可能となりました。 将来的には、この機構を材料科学の研究者に採用して いただくことで、ユニソクSTMを所有するグループが 新奇材料をSTM観察し、研究スピードを加速させる研 究室間連携が促進されると期待されます。

A)+(C)

Flag-Type



#### **Interview with Designer** 設計者インタビュー

Interviewer: S. Yamamoto

#### The time spent on the design alone exceeded 200 hours!

This was twice as long as the design time for the entire standard STM system (100 hours), making it an extremely difficult task. Initially, I thought it would be simple-just removing the knob of the UNISOKU sample holder-but it turned out to be incredibly challenging to meet all the convenience requirements while making it compatible with the standard USM system. In fact, there was a period when I even considered giving up on the design. This was a situation I had never encountered as a designer.

#### ホルダ設計に要した時間だけで200時間超!



これは標準的なSTMシステム全体の設計時間(100時間)の2倍かかったほど難産でした!当初、ユニソク試料ホルダのつまみ を外すだけでよいと楽観的に捉えていましたが、利便性のための要求を全て満たしつつ標準USMシステムで利用可能にする ことが非常に難しく、設計者としてこんなこと初めてですが、実は、設計することを諦めた時期もありました(笑)。

It was truly a challenging design, but I believe that the numerous discussions I had with Dr. Yamamoto from the Sales Engineering Department were key to bringing the design to a satisfying conclusion. Moving forward, I am convinced that continuing cross-departmental discussions will greatly benefit not only the design itself but also the UNISOKU organization.

Design Dep. 設計課 Sasada 笹田

本当に大変な設計でしたが、営業技術部の山本と何度も設計の議論をしたことが、納得いく形に仕上がった要因と考えて います。今後も、設計自体のためだけでなく組織のためにもなると信じて、垣根を越えた議論を続けていくつもりです。

#### Probe Approach Technique for a Sample Unable to Observe Optically 光学観察できない試料への探針アプローチ技術

#### / 概要/ Overview

In recent research on two-dimensional materials, device structures with electrodes patterned to a few um in width are used for samples on the order of tens of um in size. There has been a demand to observe these small samples using ultra-low temperature/high magnetic field STM.

This development provides a technique to approach an STM tip on a small sample in situations where the sample is not directly visible. By integrating and controlling the tip-sample capacitance measurements and XY coarse-motion driving with position sensors, it became possible to image a wide area of 2 mm with a spatial resolution of < 5 µm and precisely approach the tip on the target sample.

This technology can be integrated with UNISOKU's standard STM controller "Nanonis," enabling wide-area imaging in the same way as STM imaging. Furthermore, since this technique is not limited to STM and can be applied to any system using conductive tips, it holds great potential for expanding future applications.

近年の二次元材料研究では、数十µmのサイズの試料に数µm幅の電極を複雑に パターニングしたデバイス構造が使用されています。

このような微小試料を極低温/強磁場STMで観察したいという要望がありました。 本開発は、試料が直接見えない状態でSTM探針を微小試料にアプローチさせる技術 です。探針と試料の容量計測および位置センサーを用いたXY粗動制御を統合すること により、2mmの広域領域を<5µmの空間分解能で画像化し、正確に試料に探針を **アプローチさせることが可能**となりました。

この技術は、ユニソクSTMの標準コントローラ「Nanonis」に統合することができ STM画像化と同様の感覚で広域画像化が可能です。また、STMに限定されず 伝導性探針を接近させる装置には同様の画像化技術を応用できるため、将来的には応用範囲が拡大すると期待されます。



#### **Interview with Electrical Engineering Department** 制御課インタビュー

Development began in response to a customer request to land an STM tip on a sample just a few µm in size inside USM1300/ 1600, where there is no way to see samples. The breakthrough came when we learned about research reporting that surface structure could be obtained via capacitance measurements, even with the tip positioned tens of µm away from the sample. This led us to believe that wide-area imaging via capacitance measurement could enable precise STM tip landing on µm-scale samples.

試料が直接見えないUSM1300/1600で数μmの試料にSTM針を着地させたい、という顧客の要望から開発を始めました。突破口となったのは **針を数十μm離しても容量計測なら表面情報を取得できる**という研究結果をいただいたことで、この容量計測による広域画像化により、数μm の試料への着地が実現できるかもと考えました。

The most challenging part was **the integration with Nanonis**. To incorporate our control system into the imaging process of Nanonis, which is not our own product, we had to go through repeated trial and error in the circuit design for interaction. Additionally, with the need to meet CE certification requirements, the development schedule was very tight, which made it quite tough. When we finally succeeded in obtaining wide-area images, it was a huge relief.





Interviewer: S. Yamamoto

一番気を使ったのは、Nanonisとの統合です。他社製品であるNanonis における画像化プロセスに、ユニソクの制御装置を組み込むため 相互作用させる回路設計には何度も試行錯誤しました。 🦷 また、CE認証対応もあり厳しい開発日程で大変でしたが、実際に 広域画像が見えたときはほっとしました。

Photo:Electrical Engineering Dep. members 写真:制御課メンバー

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Carrier dynamics measurement of micro samples on insulating substrate

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デモ実験条件

真空度:~10-8 Pa

温度:77K又は300K

レーザー波長: 488, 532 nm

#### Demo measurement conditions

- Temperature: 77 K or 300 K
- Pressure: ~10-8 Pa
- Laser wavelength: 488, 532 nm
- Temporal resolution: ~80 ps (532 nm), 時間分解能: ~80 ps (532 nm), ~10 ns (488 nm)
- ~10 ns (488 nm)

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# Publication Stats in 2024

- Total number of publications using UNISOKU systems = 331 (314 in 2023)
- Total impact factors ~2827 (2610 in 2023) Corresponding to 56 Nature papers (40 in 2023) c.f. Impact factor of Nature ~50 (64 in 2023)
- Impact factor per employee ~ 55 (~51 in 2023)



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装置仕様

高空間分解能時間分解STM

試料温度1.5 K以下(光学アクセス閉鎖時) AFM対応 内部レンズ付き光学アクセス



論文の紹介

Popular Research Fields	Num. of Publications	Average Impact Factor
Transition Metal Dichalcogenides (TMDs)	39	12.6
Molecules (TERS)	36	11.1
Low Dimensional Materials excluding TMDs, graphene, 2D superconductivity	25	10.6
Kagome Materials	24	16.7
Topological Materials (Majorana, Weyl)	22	16.3
Superconductivity (heavy fermion, PDW)	18	7.2
Graphene	16	12.7
Fe-based Superconductors	12	15.6
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Figure (a) STM topography of the single <sup>47</sup>Ti and a schematic drawing of the ESR-STM setup. (b) Energy diagram of the atomic eigenstates as a function of the tip magnetic field. (c) ESR-STM measurements as function of tip-sample conductance, which corresponds to the tip magnetic field. (d) Pump-probe data for different tip-atom distances, revealing various coherent electron-nuclear flip-flop oscillations. (e) Zoom-in on the relevant avoided level crossing of (b). A line trace from the pump-probe data in (d) at the corresponding tip fields is fitted with multiple frequencies

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Terahertz Scanning Noise Microscopy (SNoiM) is a unique technique enabling the observation of electron temperatures with nanoscale spatial resolution. However, earlier SNoiM systems were primarily optimized for room-temperature measurements and were time-intensive to operate. Weng et al. (Yousoo Kim group, RIKEN) addressed these limitations



Figure (a) Schematic diagram of Cryo-SNoiM. (b) Diagram of hot electron imaging of NiCr wire. (c) Simultaneously obtained 2D images of the NiCr wire: topography, far-field and near-field (SNoiM) signals

by developing a dual-chamber cooling system. In this system, the terahertz detector is cooled to ~5 K using a pulse tube cryocooler, while a separate chamber houses the sample and AFM tip, which can be maintained at either room temperature or ~110 K. This

design allows for the pre-selection of tips at room temperature and enables precise determination of local electron temperatures without requiring <sup>1</sup> (%) adjustable parameters.

Product used: Cryo-SNoiM

This innovative approach opens new possibilities for studying low-temperature hot electron dynamics and nonequilibrium transport in various materials.

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- Base-temperature ~ 4.2 K
- Helium (10 L) holding time ~ 14 days
- In-situ low-temperature deposition

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# Wafer-Scale Synthesis of Highly Oriented 2D Topological Semimetal $PtTe_2$ via Tellurization





# Melting of Unidirectional Charge Density Waves across Twin Domain Boundaries in GdTe<sub>3</sub>



# Origin of Distinct Insulating Domains in the Layered Charge Density Wave Material 1T-TaS<sub>2</sub>



#### Charge-Ordered Phases in The Hole-Doped Triangular Mott Insulator 4Hb-TaS<sub>2</sub>





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#### → Trace the quantum flow of electrons<sup>6</sup>



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- · Spatial resolution comparable to
- lightwave-STM

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NOTE = Near-field Optical Tunnelling Emission

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#### Features:

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#### Q1.どんな社員が多いですか?

温厚な人が多い / 優しく教え上手 / 控えめな方が ● 多い印象 / 型にとらわれない人 / 多様性に富む、 ● 個性豊か / 集団への依存度が低い / 技術のことに 熱心 / 技術や趣味に強い興味を持っている / 新しい ことにチャレンジする積極的な人が多い / 研究室の

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#### Q2.はたらきやすいポイントは?

許容範囲内で個人の都合や方針が尊重されている /

- 仕事のやり方を任せてもらえる / 責任はついてくる
- が自分のペースで仕事ができる / 過剰な残業をして はいけない空気がある / 作業場の空気がギスギスし
- ておらず、とてもあたたかい雰囲気がある / 居場所
- がある

#### • Q3.仕事をしていて楽しいときは?

- 綺麗な原子像がみえるとき / お客さんの成果が出た
- ときは嬉しい / 顧客の要求を図面化して完成させた • 時や装置のことでお話しする時は楽しいと感じます
- /世界に一つの物を作りユーザー様に喜んでいただ
- いた時 / 自分の手で組み上げた装置が不具合なく
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